

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment ("Preliminary Amendment"), accompanied by a Response to Restriction Requirement and a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). This Preliminary Amendment supplements, but does not replace, the earlier Preliminary Amendment filed on September 28, 2001.

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant amends the title. Applicant also cancels, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1 and 9-16, and add new claims 17-25, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to improve clarity.

Before entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1 and 9-16 were pending in this application. After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 17-25 are pending in this application.

The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the title and the addition of new claims 17-25. No new matter was introduced.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, replace the title paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

~~A CARCASS STRUCTURE FOR TYRE~~[[S]] ~~FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL~~[[S,]] ~~AND A~~
~~TYRE~~ COMPRISING [[SAID]] A PARTICULAR CARCASS STRUCTURE

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